

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a joint prosthesis system for the joining of two bones. The bioabsorbable joint prosthesis system includes at least one bioabsorbable spacer and at least one connector adapted to be fixedly attached to the two bones, at least a portion of the connector being in contact with the spacer to prevent lateral movement of the spacer. The present invention also includes embodiments drawn to methods of using the joint prosthesis system. In an embodiment of the present invention, the method includes interposing at least one bioabsorbable spacer between the surface of the bones to be joined and connecting the bones with at least one connector such that at least a part of the connector contacts the bioabsorbable spacer.

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